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Good afternoon, Chairman Petrowski and members of the Transportation Committee. Thank you for having a public hearing today on Assembly Bill 169.

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I authored this bill at the request of Gloria Wall, the Crawford County public health nurse. Unfortunately, Ms. Wall could not be here today to personally share the story of one of her patients who wanted to renew her handicapped parking permit. Like many people, this woman relied on a public health nurse to provide her routine health care. She wondered why the public health nurse couldn't complete this paperwork.

Assembly Bill 169 adds public health nurses to the list of other health care professionals who can complete the necessary paperwork to obtain disabled parking permits or license plates. This list currently includes physicians, advanced practice nurses, chiropractors, physician assistants, and Christian Science practitioners.

Especially in our rural areas, people rely on public health nurses for their routine health care needs and they develop one-on-one relationships with them. This bill is a simple, inexpensive way for our public health nurses to provide a service to people who will appreciate it.

Thank you again for your consideration.